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DIRECTOR OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TRADE BUREAU RETURNS

After a business trip to Brazil of four and one-half months, Egydio da Camara Souza, has resumed his duties as Director of this office.

Mr. Souza traveled all over Brazil, visiting and addressing Chambers of Commerce, contacting businessmen and Government officials, to stress the importance for furthering trade relations between the United States and Brazil. He emphasized in his talks that the Brazilian businessmen must be well informed regarding the markets, price ceilings, import/export regulations, etc., of this country, to successfully continue and increase trade.

Mr. Souza will be pleased to receive all inquiries from firms or individuals desiring information about Brazil, or assistance in establishing business connections.

SECRETARY OF STATE STETTINIUS VISITS BRAZIL EN ROUTE FROM CRIMEA TO CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AT MEXICO CITY

Secretary of State Stettinius arrived in Rio de Janeiro on February 17, on his way to the Inter-American conference in Mexico City.

President Getulio Vargas of Brazil conferred with the United States Secretary of State for about an hour and fifteen minutes during which time they had a full and friendly discussion of all phases of Brazilian-United States relations as well as the world situation.

They talked especially about the wartime collaboration of the United States and Brazil and ways to ensure continued postwar collaboration for the mutual benefit of the two countries. The achievements of the Inter-American system, which Brazil has championed, were reviewed and methods of strengthening this system to make it even more effective were discussed.

In addition to the above subjects they discussed the importance of the 'Big Three' Conference at Crimea, which so greatly advanced the cause of the United Nations and paved the way for the Mexican conference as well as the conference in San Francisco, at which the wartime unity of the United Nations will become the basis of a world organization for the building of a lasting peace.

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BRAZIL'S TOTAL EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS

FOR 1943 AS COMPARED WITH THOSE OF 1942

PRODUCT	UNIT	1942 AMOUNT	1942 VALUE IN 1000 CR$	1943 AMOUNT	1943 VALUE IN 1000 CR$
CLASS I - LIVESTOCK	Tons	97	272	186	310
CLASS II- RAW MATERIALS					
Of Animal Origin					
Fertilizers	Tons	1,396	1,234	3,662	4,016
Beeswax	"	506	9,022	702	10,847
Glue	"	1,291	7,004	1,132	5,906
Horsehair	"	304	9,652	339	15,502
Bones	"	2,117	1,674	1,707	1,583
Hides & Skins					
Raw	"	54,487	321,070	27,225	183,462
Cured or Tanned	"	6,176	75,257	10,884	122,496
Tallow or grease ...	"	383	834	0	1
Miscellaneous	"	554	4,669	527	6,372
Of Vegetable Origin					
Rubber	"	12,204	148,416	14,575	189,057
Carnauba Wax	"	8,509	240,695	9,046	227,027
Ouricuri Wax	"	2,391	45,027	1,595	28,522
Rosewood Oil	"	153	22,746	0	67
Citrus Oils	"	114	7,931	18	1,684
Quebracho Extract ..	"	120	256	28	75
Caroa Fiber	"	4,270	16,814	3,487	10,134
Oil-Bearing Products					
Babassu	"	29,343	71,037	21,747	51,094
Cottonseed	"	-	-	-	-
Brazil Nuts,unshelled	"	5,293	16,049	233	635
Castor Beans	"	116,169	149,450	155,685	207,926
Tucum Beans	"	3,575	6,546	610	822
Miscellaneous	"	2,113	4,997	5,925	13,735
Tobacco	"	19,172	54,239	17,105	65,486
Ipecac	"	118	11,150	62	6,814
Wood					
Pine	"	329,857	220,283	286,732	255,115
Miscellaneous	"	36,208	18,810	33,879	21,461
Cocoa Butter	"	2,187	21,269	2,266	21,237
Vegetable Oils					
Cottonseed Oil	"	17,143	63,540	9,543	36,063
Castor Oil	"	2,587	11,348	12,629	46,836
Oiticica Oil	"	1,076	9,342	972	8,002
Miscellaneous Oils..	"	2,155	13,156	919	5,606
Piassava Fiber	"	4,355	12,937	3,254	12,890
Other Oils of Vegetable Origin	"	9,784	31,373	19,186	60,454

PRODUCT	UNIT	1942 AMOUNT	1942 VALUE IN 1000 CR$	1943 (cont.) AMOUNT	1943 (cont.) VALUE IN 1000 CR$
OF MINERAL ORIGIN					
Coal	Tons	55,505	6,330	57,276	8,154
Rock Crystal	"	1,770	234,827	2,411	324,721
Iron in bars, sheets, or plaques	"	65	299	663	1,698
Pig Iron	"	6,136	7,235	17,958	28,455
Mica	"	866	26,211	796	20,326
Metallic Minerals					
Iron	"	216,033	23,337	322,002	25,310
Manganese	"	306,241	59,508	275,552	67,665
Rutile	"	4,615	9,102	4,557	8,284
Zirconium	"	17,114	8,215	4,921	2,429
Miscellaneous	"	21,379	11,716	90,753	53,204
Precious and Semi-Precious Stones					
Aquamarines	Grams	10,197	2,039	31,739	5,060
Carbonados (Industrial Diamonds)..	"	2,723	4,245	3,899	5,847
Diamonds	"	47,164	133,440	39,457	182,278
Other Precious and Semi-Precious Stones	"	209,411	7,591	343,636	15,270
Miscellaneous Raw Materials of Mineral Origin	Tons	9,159	17,140	7,202	22,231
RAW MATERIALS FOR THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY					
Cotton Waste	"	1,369	5,740	-	-
Cotton Thread	"	5,245	108,003	3,679	87,537
Raw Cotton	"	153,954	644,382	77,962	413,777
Cotton Linters	"	39,450	58,664	31,492	47,909
Cotton Residues ...	"	2,830	9,647	2,065	8,032
Raw Wool.....	"	153	2,195	-	-
Wool Thread	"	102	7,032	81	5,694
Rayon, Viscose and Similar Yarns ...	"	574	30,027	44	2,480
Miscellaneous.....	"	1,125	9,066	318	19,373
SYNTHETIC RAW MATERIALS, ETC.					
Bakelite and similar products	"	7	209	8	226
Others	"	626	3,166	507	16,918
TOTAL		1,620,428	3,050,733	1,546,721	2,993,825
CLASS III - FOODSTUFFS					
Of Vegetable Origin					
Sugar	"	45,899	47,288	11,611	17,342
Rice	"	82,603	174,329	84,581	192,263
Cottonseed Oil ...		720	3,272	113	613
Beverages	"	457	1,013	577	2,123
Cocoa Beans	"	71,904	216,629	115,120	342,368
Coffee Beans	Sacks	7,280,028	1,965,809	10,111,817	2,802,734

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PRODUCT	UNIT	1942 AMOUNT	1942 VALUE IN 1000 CR$	1943 AMOUNT	1943 VALUE IN 1000 CR$
Flour and Starches					
Manioc Flour	Tons	3,465	2,607	2,243	2,740
Miscellaneous Flour and Starches	"	503	973	2,004	3,705
Fruit					
Bananas	Bunches	3,573,026	15,987	2,515,499	11,821
Brazil Nuts, shelled	Tons	3,104	28,809	180	1,145
Oranges	Cases	1,281,423	34,053	1,341,792	35,379
Other Edible Fruits	Tons	2,489	3,415	3,030	4,484
Matte	"	55,276	72,565	48,139	69,522
Corn	"	9,693	4,415	392	270
Other Products of Vegetable Origin.	"	14,424	28,279	15,339	35,017
OF ANIMAL ORIGIN					
Lard	"	57	328	131	1,074
Preserved Meat					
Beef	"	69,680	408,164	41,198	273,924
Other Preserved Meat	"	178	1,138	8,435	53,369
Frozen Meat					
Pork	"	4,915	18,748	122	509
Beef	"	53,345	208,663	16,266	64,275
Other	"	-	-	433	1,602
Meat Extract	"	1,625	31,430	1,411	35,158
Frozen Tongue.....	"	5	17	-	-
Preserved Tongue..	"	1,127	19,314	1,211	18,568
Frozen Giblets ...	"	3,992	14,811	1,850	7,326
Other Meat & Poultry Products	"	289	5,620	629	10,883
Other Products of Animal Origin ...	"	1,671	10,586	846	12,656
OTHER FOODSTUFFS					
Tomato Paste	"	11	76	7	68
Other Alimentary Pastes	"	739	819	1,711	1,833
LIVESTOCK FEED					
Bran	"	7,410	2,887	13,824	5,777
Cottonseed Meal ..	"	254	86	15,915	7,203
Other Meals	"	462	611	160	213
Miscellaneous Livestock Feed	"	2,040	1,193	727	630
TOTAL	"	975,907	8,323,937	1,083,326	4,016,594

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PRODUCT	UNIT	1942 AMOUNT	1942 VALUE IN 1000 CR$	1943 AMOUNT	1943 VALUE IN 1000 CR$
CLASS IV - MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS					
Of Iron & Steel					
Tubes	Tons	5,831	9,325	10,248	20,542
Other Iron & Steel Items	"	569	5,566	1,145	10,018
Glass & Crystal ..	"	944	7,903	1,404	12,213
Of Wood					
Packing cases, assembled & unassembled	"	6,428	8,673	926	1,209
Miscellaneous Wooden Articles	"	7,310	4,810	5,693	5,389
Textiles					
Cotton (sacks).....	"	1,028	11,457	284	3,592
Cotton (textiles)..	"	25,539	797,285	26,434	1,104,246
Cotton goods	"	892	28,978	2,518	92,805
Jute burlap.....	"	1,033	9,272	1	9
Wool (textiles)....	"	342	37,068	213	25,019
Rayon, Viscose and similar(textiles).	"	471	6,242	82	14,291
Silk(textiles).....	"	7	3,908	18	5,000
Miscellaneous textile goods	"	410	11,766	264	47,696
Pencils	"	211	4,920	244	6,476
Machines, Hardware and Tools	"	1,285	19,451	997	22,853
CHEMICALS, PHARMACEUTICALS, ETC.					
Chemical Fertilizers	"	4,198	3,525	3,889	3,994
Pharmaceuticals					
Alkaloids	Grams	41,200,000	19,077	118,281,202	48,848
Medicinal injections	"	52,090,000	8,627	36,494,191	10,533
Other pharmaceutical products	Tons	214	11,879	116	8,297
Other chemical products & similar..	"	196	1,990	69	1,578
Tires & Inner Tubes	"	1,976	54,436	6,644	186,994
Miscellaneous Manufactures	"	5,742	52,426	4,512	86,238
TOTAL	"	64,395	1,118,614	65,856	1,717,840
CLASS I	"	97	272	186	310
CLASS II	"	1,620,428	3,056,733	1,546,721	2,993,825
CLASS III	"	975,907	8,323,937	1,083,326	4,016,594
CLASS IV	"	64,395	1,118,614	65,856	1,717,840
GRAND TOTAL.	"	2,660,827	12,499,556	2,696,089	8,728,569

BRAZILIAN WAR BONDS

Compulsory subscriptions to Brazilian War Bonds during the first five months of 1944 totalled Cr$584.226.015,00, in comparison with Cr$388.300.768,00 for the corresponding period of 1943, or an increase of Cr$195.925.247,00.

Collections by States were as follows:

States	1943 - Cr$	1944 - Cr$
Federal District	167.250.062,60	242.486.787,80
Amazonas	2.401.330,60	2.678.299,60
Pará	1.799.019,40	6.329.051,20
Maranhão.....	1.184.023,00	2.055.354,40
Piauí	1.891.042,20	1.678.333,80
Ceará	4.493.583,60	4.441.429,10
Rio Grande do Norte	796.594,50	1.306.094,60
Paraíba	1.132.439,50	1.784.927,50
Pernambuco	10.726.788,30	16.459.024,70
Alagoas	1.511.720,40	2.793.656,50
Sergipe	1.049.469,40	1.674.227,30
Baía	11.773.543,60	12.933.671,80
Espírito Santo	1.028.964,70	1.344.466,50
Rio de Janeiro	6.127.695,40	8.116.600,70
São Paulo	120.829.107,00	199.428.128,10
Paraná	6.632.039,90	11.740.782,60
Santa Catarina	3.554.479,10	6.380.554,50
Rio Grande do Sul	22.166.281,40	31.926.412,30
Minas Gerais	18.916.249,10	25.178.085,10
Mato Grosso	1.315.418,00	1.798.810,20
Goiaz	719.816,30	1.650.216,50
TOTALS	388.300.768,00	584.226.015,00

BRAZILIAN INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS

During the first five months of 1944 income tax collections totalled cruzeiros $238.963.884,50, in comparison with cruzeiros $288.142.951,50 for the corresponding period of 1943. Collections by States were as follows:

States	1943 - Cr$	1944 - Cr$
Federal District	189.304.964,70	102.713.198,40
Amazonas	759.699.30	1.310.305,20
Pará	1.219.967,40	2.297.154,50
Maranhão	192.375,50	271.697,10
Piauí	182.898,30	218.215,90
Ceará	707.191,60	880.796,50
Rio Grande do Norte	213.720,90	282.950,60
Paraíba	678.316,30	1.167.038,50
Pernambuco	5.883.893,60	5.151.942,60
Alagoas	592.899,70	794.645,10
Sergipe	317.044,20	559.687,20
Baía	2.545.176,70	4.247.759,00
Espírito Santo	182.487,30	343,199,50
Rio de Janeiro	2.595,148,30	5,275.565,90
São Paulo	68.992.203,60	88.020.738,90
Paraná	1.116.122,80	2.343.471,70
Santa Catarina	3.614.465,70	3.104.429,40
Rio Grande do Sul	7.224.301,00	8.449.948,80
Minas Gerais	7.191.473,20	10.502.188,20
Mato Grosso	404.994,40	489.385,60
Goiaz	224.707.00	539.565,90
TOTALS.....	288.142.951,50	238.963.884,50

BRAZILIAN TAX ON TEXTILES

The President of the Republic has signed a Decree-Law establishing a tax of 30 centavos per 1,000 cruzeiros or fraction thereof on the invoice value of all commodities for the foreign and domestic market produced by weaving mills, millinery or textile finishing mills, or factories producing natural or synthetic yarn which are in existence or which may be founded within Brazil.

The establishments or factories with a monthly production value not in excess of 100,000 cruzeiros will be exempted. Proof of payment of this tax for the previous month, or exemption therefrom, will be required for the assignment of quotas and also to qualify any firm to enter public or government bidding. A fine of from 100 to 100,000 cruzeiros will be imposed for failure to make payment within the specified time limit.

The amount of tax collected will be incorporated into the Federal Government revenue and will be entered as Extraordinary Revenue under the heading: Tax for the maintenance of the Textile Commission.

CAFFEINE, THEOBROMINE EXPORTS RESTRICTED

A resolution adopted by the Brazilian Federal Council of Foreign Trade concerning the exportation of theobromine and caffeine has been approved by President Vargas. In resumé it is as follows: The export/import department of the Bank of Brazil will permit the exportation of caffeine and theobromine only if purified. At regular intervals the exchange department of the Bank of Brazil will investigate the market, at home and abroad, in order to establish minimum export prices for these two products, in view of competitive producing areas and the need of the import markets.

S A L T

Brazil is the tenth largest producer of salt in the world, having salt beds of excellent quality, which cover approximately 4,740 acres. After processing, the salt from the state of Rio Grande do Norte shows a content of more than 98% sodium chloride, and that from the state of Rio de Janeiro 96%. Both are superior to the famous salt of Cadiz.

BRAZIL TO USE SYNTHETIC RUBBER FROM THE UNTED STATES

By a Decree-Law signed December 29, 1944, Brazilian manufacturers of rubber articles were given permission to use synthetic rubber imported from the United States.

This authorization was made so that Brazilian natural rubber, essential ao the war effort, could be shipped to the United States, and production levels of the rubber article manufacturers maintained.

All synthetic rubber imported from the United States will be duty free and cannot be reexported to other countries.

TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

The Brazilian Government Trade Bureau has received the following requests from businessmen in Brazil, who desire to export, import or represent American companies for the sale of the products listed below. We suggest that the parties interested write directly to these firms, via airmail, as well as to this office, at 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, 17, N.Y.

The Following Firms Wish to Export to the United States:

ROTENONE (U.S.P. Standard) - Gregorio & Cia., Caixa Postal 3903, São Paulo, Brazil.

SALTED SHARKSKINS, SHARK TEETH, SHARK FINS, FISH BY-PRODUCTS AND CANNED FISH IN TOMATO SAUCE - Industria Brasileira de Peixe Ltda., Caixa Postal 635, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

FIBERS - Egon Enck, Caixa Postal 756, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

SASSAFRAS OIL, BEESWAX, CARNAUBA WAX, CAFFEINE, MENTHOL - Emil Langer, Av. N.S. Copacabana 1369, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Following Firms Wish to Import from the United States:

HARDWARE, LOCKS, HINGES, ETC. - Lusana Indústria Metalurgica Ltda., Caixa Postal 4099, São Paulo, Brazil.

TOYS, VELOCIPEDES, DOLLS - Industrias Reunidas do Distrito Federal Ltda., Av. Nilo Peçanha, 12, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

RAW FLONGS, PRINTING INK - R. Matacena, Caixa Postal 3458, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

GALVANIZED STEEL, COPPER WIRE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF FURNITURE AND BED SPRINGS - Salomão Guelmann, Rua 24 de Maio 44, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

NEW SMALL MILL EQUIPMENT FOR MANUFACTURING COARSE TEXTILES - 50 LOOMS FOR SPINNING, WEAVING, DYEING AND FINISHING - S. Barretto & Filhos Ltda., Av. Dr. Getulio Vargas, Neopolis, Sergipe, Brazil.

The Following Firms Wish to Represent U.S. Manufacturers of:

HOUSEHOLD AND COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS, RADIOS, RADIO TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT, RADAR EQUIPMENT, ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINES, VACUUM CLEANERS, HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, RADIO RECEIVING AND TRANSMITTING TUBES - Sociedade Comercial Leão Ltda., Caixa Postal 1339, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

RADIOS AND RADIO PARTS - Paulo Carneiro da Cunha, Caixa Postal 163, São Luiz, Maranhão, Brazil.

EQUIPMENT FOR ELECTRICAL AND HYDRO-MECHANICAL INSTALLATIONS: ELECTRIC MOTORS IN GENERAL, TRANSFORMERS, AUTOMATIC PROTECTIVE KEYS, MEASURING INSTRUMENTS, LIGHTINING RODS OF THE OXIDE FILM TYPE, HYDRAULIC TURBINES, PUMPS, AND ENERGY GENERATING EQUIPMENT - Soc. Eletrotécnica Brasileira Ltda., Rua Barão de Paranapiacaba 24, São Paulo, Brazil.

Mr. Rubens Porto, General Manager of Artes Gráficas Indústrias Reunidas (AGIR) S.A., Av. Marechal Camara 159, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is presently in New York seeking representation of United States manufacturers and exporters of PRINTING EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, INK, ETC. Correspondence may be addressed to him at the Hotel Commodore, Suite 1526-28, 42nd Street, at Lexington, New York 17, N.Y., until March 20th. Those firms interested, please contact him.